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Farmers Branch Writers Organization plans Halloween Book event at Manske Library

FARMERS BRANCH | Friday, October 30, 2015 $^{\sim}$ Donning the costumes of their characters, a group of local authors will be hosting a book reading and signing event on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Farmers Branch Manske Library.

The Halloween Book Event will feature local authors launching six new books, including science fiction, historical biography, poetry, romance and children's picture books. In addition to dressing like their characters, the authors will share Halloween treats and raffle original artwork and books at this free event.

Farmers Branch resident Allyson Solis will introduce Park One of **Timeportalia**, a young adult adventure set in an alternative dimension populated by fantastical characters. Well-known area watercolorist Barbara McConnell will share her first book of poetry, a collection of life's observations penned each day during her 83rd year. Retired teacher Cynthia Herschkowitsch recently published an important biography of her mother-in-law **Oma: Heroine of the Holocaust** as well as a tale about the rescue of an abandoned cat **Ling-Ling's Story**.

Long-time Farmers Branch resident Carolyn "Connie" Martin will be signing her collection of true-life stories **Tumbleweed Tales from a Tiny Texas Town**. In addition to **Days of Gold**, the fourth in her time-travel e-stories, romance author Carol Caldwell will debut her children's picture book **No Kisses for Mama**, illustrated by Jeanne Macejko, another member of the group.

These authors will be joined by Farmers Branch Writers Organization members Binion Amerson, Mel Barney and Wynoma Herrick, all of who have published their own books in recent years.

The commitment of the City of Farmers Branch to sponsorship of a creative writers group began at the Manske Library in 1990. The Writers Organization meets on second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and welcomes new writers to join them. Membership is open to anyone and is free.